

Carlyle, the Englishman, ~~w~~ the writer, at one time was very disgusted at Athanasius. And this Nicean Council, he said, imagine a big controversy like that over one ~~xxxxxxxx~~ letter. ~~Homo-ousians~~ Homo-ousians. one substance the orthodox said, and not at the council, but later on, the opponents began to say no, not homo-ousians, but homoi-ousians, they put in a little Greek ....(4) One letter difference, but that means not the same substance. but a similar substance. A similar substance. And Carlyle said, imagine a controversy for nearly a century ~~f~~ over one letter, isn't that ridiculous. But later on in his life, Carlyle, after he studied the matter over, he said that if that one letter had triumphed, the Christian church probably would have disappeared, before many days. He came to see the importance of it, is Jesus God, or is He give Him all the honor you can, give Him the highest position you can, but if He is not actually God ~~xxx~~ you are taking out the very heart of Christianity and you are taking away the ~~xx~~ meaning of the atonement.

Well, Athanasius stood, and is bitterly hated by people today who dislike standing for the truth against opposition, but his personal life has stood the test of examination, even though he ~~x~~ was greatly reviled at the time. Athanasius became bishop of Alexandria as a young man. And he was treated as bishop of Alexandria for a period of nearly fifty years, until his death. Now, during that time, he was banished five times. More than once he had to flee for his life, with the soldiers in hot pursuit. He had to hide in the desert with them hunting for him, his life was in great danger. Time after time he was in danger, but he always came ~~xx~~ back and he won the love and devotion of the people of Alexandria. To the extent that the mass of the people were always very glad to have Athanasius back. In order to get him out, his ~~xxxx~~ enemies had to tell the most preposterous stories, they convinced the emperor Constantine at one time that Athanasius, the bishop of Alexandria was holding up the grain ships. So that the grain from Egypt couldn't reach the other parts of the empire, and the people weren't getting the food they needed, and ~~theyxxxx~~ it was all the fault of Athanasius, the bishop of Alexandria. I don't know how he